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ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1959.



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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres _____ 4,771
 Rateable Value at April 1st.1959
 _____ £145,662
 Sum represented by a penny rate
 _____ £600

Number of occupied Houses
 _____ 3,828
 Number of Council Houses
 _____ 840
 Population (mid 1959)
 _____ 10,860

BIRTHS

Live births: Legitimate
 Male _____ 81
 Female _____ 89
 Total _____ 170

Illegitimate
 Male _____ NIL
 Female _____ 2
 Total _____ 2

All live births
 Male _____ 81
 Female _____ 91
 Total _____ 172

Still births:
 Male _____ 2
 Female _____ 2
 Total _____ 4

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated
 population _____ 15.8

DEATHS

Deaths; all causes
 Male _____ 62
 Female _____ 71
 Total _____ 133

Deaths from puerperal causes
 _____ NIL

Deaths of infants under 1 year
 of age

Male _____ NIL
 Female _____ NIL
 Total _____ NIL

Death of infants under 4 weeks
 of age _____ NIL

Death rate per 1,000 estimated
 population _____ 12.2

Causes of Death:

<u>Registrar General's</u> <u>Classification:</u>						1959		
						Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Malignant neoplasms, lymphatic & other-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
17	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	-	-	-	-	8	11	19
18	Coronary disease, angina	-	-	-	-	6	11	17
19	Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
20	Other heart disease	-	-	-	-	16	15	31
21	Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	-	1	8	9
22	Influenza	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
23	Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	4	1	5
24	Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	3	3	6
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
29	Hyperplasia of the prostate-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	-	-	-	5	8	13
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
34	All other accidents	-	-	-	-	3	3	6
35	Suicide	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes						62	71	133

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Immunisation

During 1959 - 94 children under the age of five years received their primary immunisation against diphtheria, whilst a further 68 children of school age received treatment to maintain their immunity.

Satisfactory progress continued to be made with poliomyelitis vaccination.

B C G vaccination was again offered to children of school leaving age. 49 boys and 43 girls accepted it.

Tuberculosis

There was one death from non-pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.

One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified. One further case came to reside within the District.

Cases residing in the District at the close of the year were distributed as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary tuberculosis _____	21 _____	12 _____	33 _____
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis _____	5 _____	5 _____	10 _____
Totals _____	26 _____	17 _____	43 _____

Other infectious disease

The following cases were notified:-

Measles _____	127
Scarlet fever _____	2
Dysentery _____	1

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

For the preparation of the following information I am indebted to Mr. Basil S. Pike, Senior Public Health Inspector.

Water Supply.

Water supplies have remained satisfactory in quality and quantity. No shortages occurred during the year and additional water was supplied to neighbouring authorities during the drought summer.

Ten samples were taken for examination of treated water after going into supply. All were satisfactory.

The present supply to dwelling houses in the district is as follows:-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
Number supplied from wells	4	8
Number supplied from public water mains:		
(a) Direct to the houses	3,766	10,702
(b) By means of standpipes	58	150

27 houses previously taking their water from external standpipes were provided with internal piped supplies during the year.

Two samples of water from private wells were taken for bacteriological examination and found satisfactory.

Sewage Disposal.

Only normal minor extensions of sewers for housing estates were made during the year. Work was commenced on reconstruction of the Sewage Disposal Works.

There are 5,575 water closets in the area and 12 premises served by pails.

The number given annually as the number of water closets has always included a number of closets which, though connected to the sewerage system, are not technically water closets by virtue of the absence of mechanical means of flushing. After survey in 1958 it was found that there were approximately 260 of these, of which a large percentage were of the "box & hopper" type. During 1959 a start has been made on conversion of these to waterclosets, by service of statutory notices under the Public Health Act, 1936, and also by payment of half cost where the work is carried out voluntarily.

Refuse Collection.

Houses and other premises are provided with dustbins for refuse storage. Collection is on a weekly basis and disposal is by controlled tipping.

A separate collection is made of trade refuse, for which there is a charge of 15/- per bin or equivalent. Approximately 200 bins of trade refuse are emptied each week.

Inspection of the Area.

Complaints received	144
Premises involved	738
Nuisances or defects dealt with	1,213
No. of inspections made	2,952

Nature of Inspections

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	13
Bakehouses	5
Dairies	11
Drainage Works	103
Dwelling-houses	1,550
Infectious Disease Enquiries	25
Food Premises	205
Offensive Trades	3
Refuse Collection and Disposal	183
Schools	3
Shops	17
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	425
Smoke Control	23
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	11
Verminous and Dirty Premises	37
Water Supplies	4
Factories and Workshops	41
Other Inspections	292

Notices

PRELIMINARY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	18	41
Issued during year	103	238
Complied with during year	105	241
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	16	38

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	-	-
Issued during year	-	114
Complied with during year	-	92
Outstanding 31st December	-	22

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Licences renewed/issued	3
Visits to premises	8
Contraventions found	NIL

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

Number of premises registered for upholstering, etc 1
No contraventions were discovered.

Special Classes of Premises and Occupations subject to Control.

Written Consent to establishment of trade of Rag and Bone Dealer renewed	1
Written Consent to establishment of trade of Fat Extractor, Fat Melter and Glue Maker in operation	1

These premises were inspected on three occasions.
There were no matters necessitating attention.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Rodent Officer, as other duties permitted, has proceeded with the routine inspection of the District. 3,124 Visits and Inspections have been made during the year, in routine survey of the district & treatment at premises. Infestations by rodents are treated free at dwelling houses; business & agricultural premises are charged for the service. Council properties are inspected regularly & treated as required.

Disinfestation.

No verminous premises were discovered during 1959, but 271 visits were made to premises in connection with treatments to destroy flies, wasps, ants & other insects.

Swimming Baths.

Attention was paid to the chlorination plant and its operation throughout the season. Of 8 samples taken, however, 5 were unsatisfactory and a recommendation was made that new chlorination and dosing equipment be installed to provide breakpoint chlorination. This equipment will be provided during the winter months ready for use in 1960.

Camping Sites and Moveable Dwellings.

Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued	1
Number of licences issued for moveable dwellings under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936.	3

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Premises inspected	55
Inspections made	155
Informal notices served	15
Informal notices complied with	13

Ice Cream

51 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. No sampling was carried out.

Milk: Dairies and Distributors.

Dairies Registered	3
Distributors Registered	6
Inspections made	11
Contraventions found	NIL

Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences issued

	DEALERS	SUPPLEMENTARY
Pasteurised	5	1
Sterilised	1	-

Milk (Special Designations)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences issued

Dealers	4
Supplementary	1

Milk Sampling.

Sampling for the detection of infection with living tubercle bacilli or Brucella abortus was continued. 8 samples were taken, all proving satisfactory.

24 further samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

Meat and Other Foods.

The Council owns the abattoir and provides the facilities for a public slaughterhouse.

16,057 animals were slaughtered therein during 1959. All of these were examined at the time of slaughter, 399 visits being made for this purpose.

The findings of examination are shown in the following table:-

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	2,745	73	37	11,920	1,282
Number inspected	2,745	73	37	11,920	1,282
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	8	85	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	754	17	3	271	42
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	27.5	23.3	29.7	3.0	3.8
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcass condemned	3	1	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	156	12	-	-	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	5.8	17.8	-	-	1.4

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS - 4 carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.

Meat Stalls.

No. of Inspections _____ 24

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

No. of Inspections _____ 27

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

No. of Inspections _____ 155

HOUSING

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	257
Number of inspections made for the purpose	488
Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	5

Houses demolished or closed in the period.

<u>Housing Act, 1957.</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Number of Persons displaced</u>
Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure	3	NIL
Closed as a result of closing orders or undertakings	3	6

REPAIRS in the period.

	<u>Number of Houses</u>
Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period	
(i) as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts.	53
(ii) As a result of formal action	66

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

(a) Number of applications for improvement grants	30
(b) Number of applications approved	30
(c) Number of applications refused	NIL

New Houses

Houses completed during the year:-

(a) By Local Authority	12
(b) By private enterprise	74

Houses under construction at the close of the year:-

(a) By Local Authority	8
(b) By private enterprise	29

TOTAL No. of Post War Houses completed by:-

(a) Local Authority	515
(b) Private enterprise	461

Total Number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	293
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Number of applications received during the year	88
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Number of Council Houses in the district prior to 1939	319
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Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS:-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	43	18	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	80	14	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises).	7	9	-	-
Total	130	41	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspect- or	by H.M. Inspect- or	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers on List
Wearing apparel, making, etc.	28

